

New Software Requests

Chief Technology Office - GSA IT

IT Standards



Agenda

- → Help, I need software!! What should I do?
 - Identify your Technology Need
 - GEAR Check it out
 - Search GEAR
- → What Information is needed?
 - Software Information
 - Business Justification
 - Voluntary Product Accessibility (VPAT)
- → Time to fill out the New Software Request form!
 - Where is the <u>New Software Request</u> form located?



Agenda

- → What happens when my New Software Request form is submitted?
 - ◆ The IT Standards Team reviews your request
 - ◆ The 508 and Security Teams review your request
 - Submitted for a final decision to the CTO
- → My Software Request is Approved, Now what?
 - Go to ServiceNow
 - Order Something
 - Select Approved Software
- Resources



Who is the IT Standards Team?



Meet your IT Standards Team:

Gokul



Cindy

Kehinde



Our fearless Leader:



Navin Vembar





- → Housed in the Chief Technology Office in GSA IT
- → Manage and oversee all of GSA's New Software Requests
- → Maintains GSA's list of approved technology in GEAR



Help, I need Software !! What should I do?



Identify Your Need

- → Talk to your Supervisor about your technology need.
- → Talk to team members or other employees.
- → Check the GEAR IT Standards list to see if the technology you need is already approved for use.
 - ♦ You can also search this list for any alternative technologies that may fit your needs!



GEAR - Check it Out!!

GEAR stands for <u>GSA</u> <u>Enterprise</u> Architecture <u>Analytics</u> and <u>Reporting</u>. GEAR is GSA's business-focused approach to provide Business and IT data to everyone at GSA.

- □ Authoritative list of approved and denied COTS software within GSA.
- There are two minute tutorial videos available right within GEAR to help with learning how to use the application.

Search GEAR

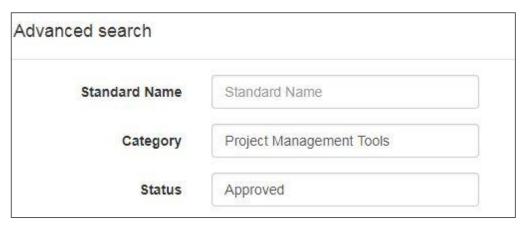


Click on the magnifying glass in the upper right hand side to do an Advanced search

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Search by Category:

→ Standard Name / Category / Status / Deployment Type / Comments / POC / Reference Documents / Approval Expiration Date





Provide the software/technology information:

- → The name of the technology tool, the company/vendor name, a company point-of-contact or company email address.
- → Provide the link to download the technology.
- → Identify the category of the technology.
- → You can view the list of categories in the GEAR IT Standards list.
- → Identify your Technology type (Desktop, Server, SaaS, Other, 'I don't know').



Provide a Business Justification:

- → Ask the following questions when writing your justification.
 - ♦ 'Why do I need this technology?', 'How will my organization implement this technology?'

Example of a Business Justification:

As part of the Macintosh Endpoint Management Project, this next phase of the project requires PIV-Card login and 2-factor support for these endpoints in the enterprise. EC-PKI is an Apple product for this exact purpose in AD domain environments. Implementation will be facilitated by Apple engineers initially with 3 days on-site support. This software does not require Servers and can be installed on all of our mac endpoints using our current Mac management service JamfPro.



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◆ The Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) is a document which evaluates how accessible a particular product is according to the Section 508 Standards. It is a self-disclosing document produced by the vendor which details each aspect of the Section 508 requirements and how the product supports each criteria.

→ It's the Law:

◆ Section 508 requires that when federal agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology, federal employees with disabilities must have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access and use by federal employees who are not individuals with disabilities, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the agency.



Where can I find a VPAT?

- → Review the Vendor's webpage for a VPAT
 - Search using terms such as: Accessibility or VPAT
 - ◆ See if there is a 'Contact Us' link, or an email address

→ Open Source tools - Usually do not have a VPAT

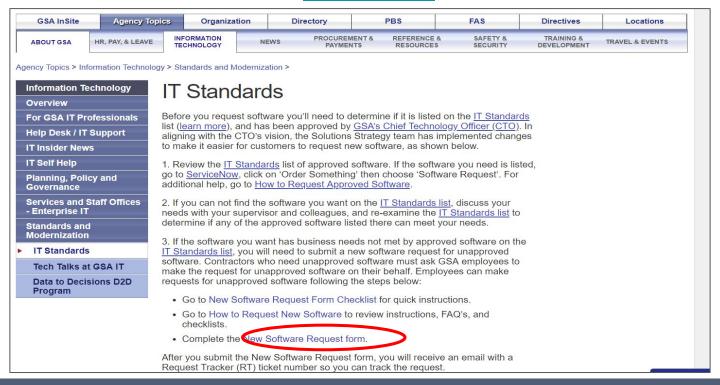


Time to fill out the New Software Request Form!



Where is the New Software Request?

→ Standards and Modernization > IT Standards





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For easy access, you can bookmark this page!

TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FORM



Welcome to the New Technology request form!

Please answer the following questions and provide as much information as possible. After reviewing your request, if additional information is needed, you will be contacted by the Solutions Strategy IT Standards Review team located in the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (GSA IT CTO).

We are committed to processing your request in a timely manner. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at it-standards@gsa.gov.



A GEAR IT Standards - Technology tools list

The 1st step to complete in our new process is to review the current list of technology contained in the GEAR IT Standards list.

Please click on the GEAR link (https://ea.gsa.gov/#!/itstandards) to check if your technology already exists on the IT Standards list, or if a similar technology can fulfill your need. Review the status of your technology and take the appropriate steps below:



What happens when my New Software Request is submitted?



The Review Process - IT Standards

- → The IT Standards team reviews every request:
 - If a form has any missing or incomplete information, the IT Standards team will contact the requester.
 - If this is a duplicate request or GSA has a tool that may meet the needs of the user, we will suggest that tool to the user!
- → If the request is complete and the IT Standards team has determined that it is not a duplicate request, it moves onto the next step!



The Review Process - 508 and Security

→ 508 Compliance

 Enforces Congress' Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d)
requiring federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology public content accessible to people with disabilities.

→ Security (BMC and ACISSO)

 Reviews all potential technology at GSA to ensure IT safety measures and protocol.



The Final Step

→ Chief Technology Officer

 Once the IT Standards team, 508, and Security team review the new software request, it goes to the Chief Technology Officer for the final decision.

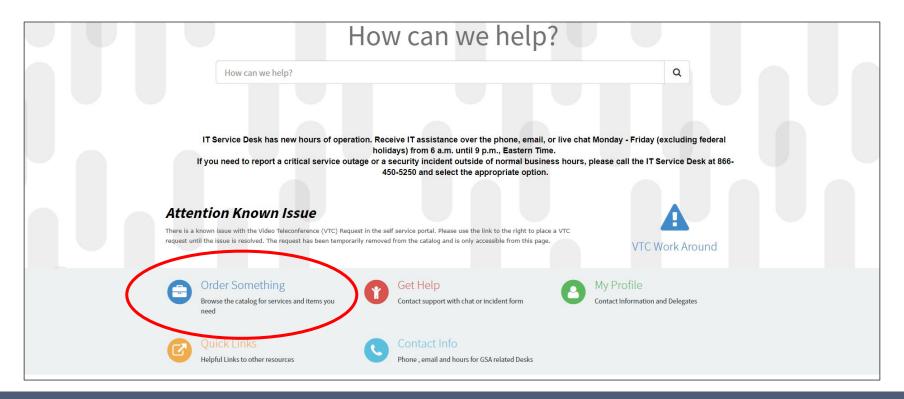


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Getting the Approved Software Installed

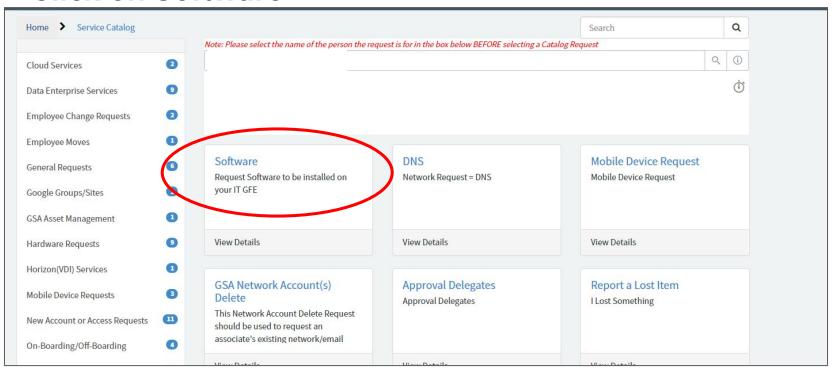
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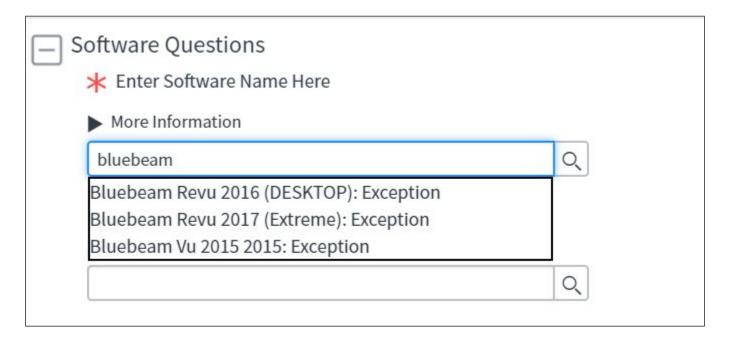
→ Click on Software





Getting the Approved Software Installed

→ Select the Approved Software from the dropdown list:





Resources

- → New Software Request Form:
 - https://gsa--c.na21.visual.force.com/apex/TechnologyRequestForm
- Insite page for New Software requests:
 - https://insite.gsa.gov/portal/content/500499
- 'How to Request New Technology' guide.

→ <u>ServiceNow</u> Request Approved Software

- → IT Standards email: <u>it-standards@gsa.gov</u>
 - ◆ Note Please send questions/inquiries to our team email address.



QUESTIONS